Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Lorene Fortin, and we are richer because Lorene lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Lorene was born March 13, 1916, in Shawano, Wisconsin, to Albert and Desneige "Barrie" Wolfgram and was raised in Turton, South Dakota, where she graduated from Turton High School in 1934; and,

Whereas, Lorene married Victor Fortin on February 18, 1936, and to this union they were blessed with 13 children, 28 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-children; and,

Whereas, Lorene and Victor raised their family in Turton; and,

Whereas, Lorene resides in Doland, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on March 13, 2016, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2016, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State